



## INVITATION/CUIREADH

### COUNTY ROSCOMMON EDUCATION FORUM CONFERENCE

### “THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN PROMOTING INTERCULTURALISM IN THE COMMUNITY”

MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2007.

THE ABBEY HOTEL, ROSCOMMON

1.45PM – 5.30PM

Time:	Programme:
1.45 pm	Registration Tea/Coffee
2.00 pm	Chair of Conference: Tom Costello. Tom Costello is Chair of Co. Roscommon Education Forum & Adult Education Officer (AEO) with Roscommon VEC.
2.15 pm	Natalie Hanley – “Intercultural Awareness in the Pre-School Setting’
2.30 pm	Naimh O’Dowd & Amy Coffey – “Normalising & Celebrating Interculturalism in the Primary School”.
3.00 pm	Alex McDonnell – “Day to Day Activity in a Multicultural Post-Primary School”.
3.15 pm	Catia de Nove – “A personal experience of Adult Education”.
3.30 pm	Wando do Araujo & Another Parent – “Education in Ireland for Children of Foreign Nationals” – Parents perspective.
3.45 pm	Tea/Coffee
4.00 pm	Keynote address by Dr. Jim Deegan - Dr. Jim Deegan is currently Director of Postgraduate Studies in Education in Mary Immaculate College in the University of Limerick. He was formerly Associate Professor of Education in the University of Georgia--Athens in the US where he taught and researched in the areas of equality, diversity and childhood. Dr. Deegan’s address is entitled “Primary Voices: Equality, Diversity and Childhood in Irish Schools”. Irish society has become more visibly diverse in the last decade, and debates around issues such as ethnic diversity and the rights of those with disabilities have gained prominence. There has been a growing awareness of the rights of young people not merely to be afforded greater respect in society, but also to be given the right to participate more actively in the naming of their own experiences and needs. This address will discuss key social justice issues related to the inclusion and recognition of difference in schools, with a focus on the educational experiences of minority groups.
4.45 pm	Plenary Session
5.15 pm	Conclusion – Tom Costello & Rita McNulty, Director of Services, Roscommon County Council.
5.30 pm	Close

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